BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS TOLLEY TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS PRESS ASSOCIATIONS
(CRPA/USPS-T6-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Tolley to the following interrogatory of the Coalition of Religious Press Associations:

CRPA/USPS-T6-1, filed on March 9, 2000. Interrogatories CRPA/USPS-2-4 were redirected to witness Thress.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CRPA/USPS-T6-1 Please refer to page 84 of your testimony where you write, "Periodicals are given expeditious distribution, dispatch, transit handling and delivery, preceded only by First-Class, Priority Mail and Express Mail." Please provide evidence to support this claim, showing that the Postal Service's implementation of its "expeditious treatment" (a) compares favorably with its own service standards pertaining to the delivery of periodicals-Class mail and (b) compares favorably with Standard A mail.

RESPONSE:

My only intent in making this statement was to reflect the description of the Periodicals mail class reflected in the Domestic Mail Manual, D210.1.0, and the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule, section 452. No information on the extent to which the Postal Service adheres to these provisions was necessary for this purpose, and I have none.

DECLARATION

I, George Tolley, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

(Signed)

3-21-00

(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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